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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. S01.12-0718/STL 9917-9918

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Title SUSPENSION SYSTEM WITH ADJUSTABLE PRE-LOAD

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  \*Fee Transmittal Form e.g., PTO/SB17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Specification [Total Sheets 21]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
 - Descriptive title of the Invention  
 - Cross References to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. § 113) [Total Sheets 14]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]  
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 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

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 Signed statement attached deleting  
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 see 37 C.F.R. §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)  
 6.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
 (If applicable, all necessary)  
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 b.  Paper Copy (Identical to computer copy)  
 c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
 8.  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)  Power of Attorney  
 9.  English Translation Document  
 10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO – PTO)  Copies of IDS  
 11.  Preliminary Amendment  
 12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
 13.  \*Small Entity Statement(s)  Statement filed in prior application.  
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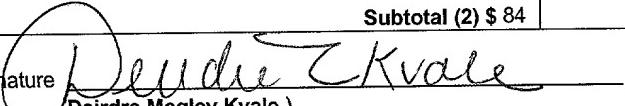
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